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FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. IN HIS FEBRUARY 27 INDEPDENCE DAY SPEECH, PRESIDENT BALAGUER DEALT ONLY BRIEFLY WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS. HE RESTATED DR POLICY OF NONINTERVENTION AND OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, "EVEN THOSE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN;" MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF HAITI; AND UNEQUIVOCALLY IDENTIFIED THE COUNTRY'S DESTINY WITH THAT OF THE U.S.

2. THE PRESIDENT SAID THE DR HAS CONDUCTED ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS "IN THE STRICTEST OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OFNONINTERVENTION, THE CORNERSTONE OF INTERAMERICAN RELATIONS." THIS "HAS PERMITTED US TO SAIL UNHAMPERED IN THE TURBULENT WATERS OF THE CARIBEEAN SEA."

3. HE SAID THAT "HAITI, OUR CLOSEST NEIGHBOR, COUNTS, AND HAS ALWAYS COUNTED, ON OUR GOODWILL, OUR SUPPORT AND OUR SOLIDARITY, AS A COUNTRY CONFRONTED WITH PROBLEMS WHICH ARE NOT AND WHICH CANNOT BE FOREIGN TO DOMINICANS."

4. ON RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HE SAID, "IN AN EPOCH IN WHICH A CERTAIN STRIDENT NATIONALISM AND CERTAIN PSEUDO
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ANTI-IMPERIALIST POSES ARE FASHIONABLE, WE ARE NOT ASHAMED

OF OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED WITH THE DESTINY OF THAT GREAT NATION. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CONFLICTS WHICH ARISE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MUST BE RESOLVED, AS THEY HAVE BEEN RESOLVED UNTIL NOW, THROUGH FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS."

5. THEN, IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, THE PRESIDENT INCLUDED THIS REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES: "THIS IS A YEAR OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR LIBERTY IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA. DURING (THE YEAR) WILL BE CELEBRATED, AMONG OTHER HISTORIC EVENTS THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GREAT NATION WHICH HAS GIVEN TO HUMANITY NOT ONLY APOSTLES OF MAN'S REDEMPTION AND OF RACIAL EQUALITY LIKE ABRAHAM LINCOLN, BUT ALSO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS LIKE THOSE CREATED BY THE ... CONSTITUTION OF PHILADELPHIA, AND THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DEATH OF THE FOUNDER OF OUR NATION, PERHAPS NOT THE GREATEST, BUT CERTAINLY THE PUREST OF THE AMERICAN LIBERATORS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CIVIC FIBER OF EVERY DOMINICAN, PERFECTED IN ADVERSITY, WILL REMAIN ALIVE AND ALERT IN THIS YEAR OF APOTHEOSIS. MAY THE SPIRITS OF OUR LIBERATORS AND EXAMPLE OF THOSE WHO DIED IN SOUTH AMERICA AND IN NORTH AMERICA SO THAT OUR CONTINENT COULD BE FREE AND COULD LIVE FOR SERVICE TO HUMANITY, SERVE US AS INSPIRATION AND SHOW US THE WAY...."

6. "WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD." SAID THE PRESIDENT, "EVEN WITH THOSE....BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, WE PURSUE A POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP IN COEXISTENCE AND OF RECIPROCAL COURTESY. WE CULTIVATE THOSE RELATIONS WITH GOODWILL, EXTEND THEM AS FAR AS IS COMPATIBLE WITH OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND WITH THE CONSERVATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH OUR INSTITUTIONS REST." ELSEWHERE IN THE SPEECH, PRESIDENT BALAGUER PROPOSED TO CONSERVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE BY RESTRICTING FOREIGN TRAVEL FOR PLEASURE; A WIDESPREAD BELIEF IS THAT THIS MEASURE WOULD BE INTENDED IN PART TO CURTAIL TRAVEL TO CUBA AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

7. IN AN EVIDENT REBUFF TO THE OUTGOING RECTOR OF THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO, WHO RECENTLY WENT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HAVANA AND SIGNED A FORMAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAVANA, AND THEN FOUND THE GODR UNWILLING TO ISSUE A VISA TO THE HAVANA RECTOR, PRESIDENT BALAGUER SAID, "ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC, FOREIGN POLICY IS AN EXCLUSIVE ATTRIBUTE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THEREFORE ANY MEASURE, COMING FROM WHOMEVER IT MAY, WHICH DEPARTS FROM THAT POSITIVE NORM OF DOMINICAN PUBLIC LAW CONSTITUTES AN ABUSE."

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